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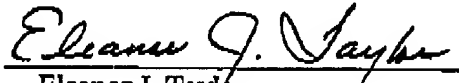
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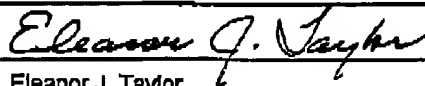
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Sir:

A telephone interview with Examiner Ahmed was conducted on June 20, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned patent application. The following statement of the substance of that interview is being provided to supplement the Interview Summary prepared by Examiner Ahmed on September 19, 2005.

The interview was conducted by telephone, with Examiner Shamin Ahmed and Kent J. Tobin participating. The parties to the interview discussed the applicability of U.S. patent No. 5,089,441 to Moslehi ("the Moslehi patent") to the pending claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11, 21, and 23-29.

Examiner Ahmed indicated that the Moslehi patent failed to teach the claimed flow ratio of larger than 1/480 present in claims 1 and 23. The Examiner proposed that these independent claims be amended to specify exposure of an object to atomic hydrogen from a

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plasma discharge, and that redundant dependent claim 30 accordingly be canceled. I agreed to these proposed amendments.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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